Transfer of Teachers of KV, Naseerabad

†676. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Naseerabad were transferred for the reasons that they had brought the attention of higher officials towards the various irregularities being committed by the Principal on deputation and had demanded an unbiased enquiry by cancelling his deputation and to get him transferred.

(b) if so, the details of these irregularities and complaints received so far;

(c) the justification of making transfers of the complaining teachers;

(d) whether according to the administrative policy of the Government it is proper to transfer those complaining teachers as a punishment who want a probe into the matter; and

(e) if so, how?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) Two teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Naseerabad, were transferred due to the complaints of misconduct against them.

Funds to Meghalaya under National Literacy Mission

677. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and granted to Meghalaya under the National Literacy Mission, during the last five years;

(b) whether any target in this regard has been fixed by Government;

(c) if so, the details of achievements made so far in the State;

(d) if not, the specific reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The funds released during the last five years to the

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State of Meghalaya under the programmes of National Literacy Mission (NLM) is given below:

Year	Grant released (Rs. in lakh)
1996-97	112.45
1997-98	16.85
1998-99	36.00
1999-2000	12.50
2000-2001	25.50

(b) The NLM seeks to attain full literacy *i.e.* sustainable threshold literacy level of 75 per cent by 2005 all over the country.

(c) According to the census report, the literacy rate in Meghalaya has gone up from 49.1% in 1991 to 63.31% in 2001, which is an increase of 14.21 percentage points.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A two pronged strategy of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Universalisation of Elementary Education) and National Literacy Mission (NLM) programmes has been adopted to eradicate illiteracy in the State. Under the NLM, six districts in the State have been sanctioned projects of Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) and under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, an amount of Rs. 67.50 lakhs has been released for pre-project activities.

Opening of more Kendriya Vidyalayas

†678. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to open some more Kendriya Vidyalayas during the current Session;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to open some Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat also; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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